

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2435  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0202**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kazuhiko TAKABAYASHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2435  
Application No.: 10/520,736 ) Examiner: Darren B. SCHWARTZ  
Filed: January 10, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 9751  
For: INTER-APPARATUS ) **Mail Stop AF**  
AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM AND )  
INTER-APPARATUS )  
AUTHENTICATION METHOD, )  
COMMUNICATION DEVICE, AND )  
COMPUTER PROGRAM )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2008, the period for response to which extends to February 12, 2009, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.